Application. No.: 10/722,676

Reply to Office Action of July 23, 2008

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Atty. Docket No.: 006389.00005

Steven A. Rogers

Serial No.: 10/722,676 Group Art Unit: 2616

Filed: November 25, 2003 Examiner: Scheibel, Robert C

For: Local Area Network Contention Confirmation No.: 7252

Avoidance

AMENDMENT

United States Patent and Trademark Office Customer Service Window, Mail Stop Amendment Randolph Building 401 Dulany Street Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated July 23, 2008, please amend the instant application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks / Arguments begin on page 15 of this paper.

If any additional fees are required or if an overpayment is made, the Commissioner is authorized to debit or credit our Deposit Account No. 19-0733, accordingly.